

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

4. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, wherein in a flexing fatigue resistance test which is carried out by bending the coated leather 30,000 times by using a flexometer described in JIS K 6545, a cracking does not arise on the fluorine-containing resin coating film.

5. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, which has the fluorine-containing resin coating film of 2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

6. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing resin coating film is formed by curing a curable fluorine-containing resin coating composition comprising a fluorine-containing resin having a reactive curable group and a curing agent.

10. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 6 to 9] Claim 6, wherein the fluorine-containing resin is a polymer having at least one of chlorotrifluoroethylene unit, tetrafluoroethylene unit, trifluoroethylene unit, hexafluoropropylene unit, vinylidene fluoride unit and vinyl fluoride unit.

11. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 6 to 10] Claim 6, wherein the curing agent is an isocyanate compound, amino

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resin, acid anhydride, polysilane compound, polyepoxy compound or silane compound having isocyanate group.

12. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 11] Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing resin coating film is formed directly on the leather.

13. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 11] Claim 1, wherein a primer layer is formed between the leather and the fluorine-containing resin coating film.

15. (Amended) A method of producing the leather coated with the fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1, which comprises coating the curable fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 6 to 11] Claim 6 on the leather surface directly or through a primer layer, and curing.

19. (Amended) The leather coated with a fluorine-containing resin coating composition of [any of Claims 1 to 14] Claim 1, which is used for interior goods of building, interior goods of vehicles, furniture, shoes, bags, clothes and small leather articles.